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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 Pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Amendment After Final, filed 2/24/2009, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 11, 12, and 21-23 under USC 101 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further search and consideration prior to allowance a new reference was identified and, as such, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Putnam et al. (U.S. Pre Grant Publication US 2008/0086564 A1 and referenced hereinafter as Putnam).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Putnam.

As per Claim 1, Putnam discloses method of providing a client computer with remote access to an application controlled by a server across a data network (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed

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in Paragraph 40, may remotely access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network) without maintaining a dedicated communications channel between the client and the server (Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), comprising the steps of: a) providing a network addressable server-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to control said application in response to predefined application control commands received by the server over the network (Paragraphs 62 and 392 clearly indicate that services are provided at the server which are defined by scripts which identify the predefined application control commands.); b) providing a definition of said application control commands, said definition being accessible over the data network by a client to enable the client to provide an interface which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).); c) providing a set of instructions for receipt by the client over the data network by the client which, when received and executed by the client, define a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the client in response to predefined notification commands received by the client over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) providing on the server an interface between the application and the data network which is effective to issue one or more of said notification generation

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commands in response to notifications of events received from the application, said events occurring and said notification generation commands issuing independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the client to control said application on the server (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the client of events occurring in the application independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 2, Putnam discloses said server-side service and said client-side service are each provided as web services between a provider and a remote consumer (Paragraph 89 clearly indicate that the services may be implemented as web services.), the consumer of the server-side service being the client interface (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are consumed by the clients over the data network.) and the consumer of the client-side service being the server interface (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is consumed by the CAS to create notifications on the client).

As per Claim 3, Putnam discloses the definition of said application control commands is a web services description language (WSDL) file provided on the server (Paragraph 392 clearly indicates that the definition is in WSDL.).

As per Claim 4, Putnam discloses said WSDL file includes said instructions which define said client-side web service (Paragraphs 392-394 clearly indicates that the services are defined in the WSDL definition which is received on the client side. As such, the client side service would be defined in the WSDL definition.).

As per Claim 5, Putnam discloses said WSDL file includes instructions for the client to access said instructions which define said client-side web service over the network (Paragraphs 392-394 clearly indicates that the services are defined in the WSDL definition which is received on the client side. As such, the client side service would be defined in the WSDL definition. Examiner notes that the access instructions must be present as the client accesses the definition.).

As per Claim 6, Putnam discloses said application is a computer telephone integration (CTI) application in communication with a telephony network, whereby the interface on the client enables a user of the client to control a device on said telephony network (Paragraphs 95 and 454-455 clearly indicate that the application may allow the user to control a device on a telephony network.) and the interface on the server enables the CTI application to issue notifications of telephony network events or state changes relating to the device

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to the user of the client (Paragraphs 95 clearly indicates that the service may be implemented for a STI application and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS.).

As per Claim 7, Putnam discloses said data network is a packet switching network employing the transport communication protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP) method of addressing packets from the client to the server and vice versa (Paragraph 41 clearly indicates that the network may be an IP network.).

As per Claim 8, Putnam discloses the data network is selected from a local area network, a wide area network, and the Internet (Paragraph 41 clearly indicates that the network may be wide area network.).

As per Claim 9, Putnam discloses said server is a web server running said application (Paragraph 44 clearly indicates that the server may be a web server running the application and that the application may be run on a computer in communication with the server.).

As per Claim 10, Putnam discloses said server is a web server and said application runs on a computer in communication with said server (Paragraph 44 clearly indicates that the server may be a web server running the application and that the application may be run on a computer in communication with the server.).

As per Claim 11, Putnam discloses a computer program product comprising a computer- readable storage medium encoded with machine readable instructions which, when executed on a computer which is connected to a data network and which has control of an application (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed in Paragraph 40, may remotely access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network), are effective to cause the computer to: a) provide a network addressable server-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to control said application in response to predefined application control commands received by the computer over the network (Paragraphs 62 and 392 clearly indicate that services are provided at the server which are defined by scripts which identify the predefined application control commands.); b) provide a definition of said application control commands, said definition being accessible over the data network by a remote client to enable the remote client to provide an interface which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).); c) provide a set of instructions for receipt by the client over the data network by the remote client which, when received and executed by the client, define a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the client in response to predefined notification commands received by the client over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the

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data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) provide on the computer an interface between the application and the data network which is effective to issue one or more of said notification generation commands in response to notifications of events received from the application, said events occurring and said notification generation commands issuing independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the client to control said application on the computer (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the client of events occurring in the application, independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 12, Putnam discloses server having control over an application and comprising a network connection for enabling the server to connect to a data network, and a storage area comprising a computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions which when executed are effective (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed in Paragraph 40, may remotely

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access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network) to: a) provide a network addressable server-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to control said application in response to predefined application control commands received by the computer over the network (Paragraphs 62 and 392 clearly indicate that services are provided at the server which are defined by scripts which identify the predefined application control commands.); b) provide a definition of said application control commands, said definition being accessible over the data network by a remote client to enable the remote client to provide an interface which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).); c) provide a set of instructions for receipt by the client over the data network by the remote client which, when received and executed by the client, define a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the client in response to predefined notification commands received by the client over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) provide on the computer an interface between the application and the data network which is effective to issue one or more of said notification generation commands in response to notifications of events received from the application (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443,

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and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the client to control said application on the computer (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the client of events occurring in the application, independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 13, Putnam discloses a method of remotely controlling an application from a client computer across a data network, said application being under the local control of a server on the data network (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed in Paragraph 40, may remotely access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network), without maintaining a dedicated communications channel between the client and the server (Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), comprising the steps of: a) receiving from the server a definition of application control commands which cause a network addressable server-side service to execute one or more predefined procedures to control said application (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).); b) providing on the client an interface based on

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said definition which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users) and include interface generation instructions.); c) receiving a set of instructions over the data network, said set of instructions when received and executed by the client defining a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the client in response to predefined notification commands received by the client over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) providing on the client said network addressable client-side service which monitors for receipt of said notification generation commands and which generates said notifications on the client in response thereto (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the client to control said application on the server (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the client of events occurring in the application independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications

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on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 14, Putnam discloses said server-side service and said client-side service are each provided as web services between a provider and a remote consumer (Paragraph 89 clearly indicate that the services may be implemented as web services.), the consumer of the server-side service being the client interface (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are consumed by the clients over the data network.) and the consumer of the client-side service being the server interface (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is consumed by the CAS to create notifications on the client).

As per Claim 15, Putnam discloses the definition of said application control commands is a web services description language (WSDL) file provided on the server (Paragraph 392 clearly indicates that the definition is in WSDL.)..

As per Claim 16, Putnam discloses said WSDL file includes said instructions which define said client-side web service (Paragraphs 392-394 clearly indicates that the services are defined in the WSDL definition which is received on the client side. As such, the client side service would be defined in the WSDL definition.).

As per Claim 17, Putnam discloses said WSDL file includes instructions for the client to access said instructions which define said client-side web service over the

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network (Paragraphs 392-394 clearly indicates that the services are defined in the WSDL definition which is received on the client side. As such, the client side service would be defined in the WSDL definition. Examiner notes that the access instructions must be present as the client accesses the definition.).

As per Claim 18, Putnam discloses said application is a computer telephone integration (CTI) application in communication with a telephony network, whereby the interface on the client enables a user of the client to control a device on said telephony network (Paragraphs 95 and 454-455 clearly indicate that the application may allow the user to control a device on a telephony network.) and the interface on the server enables the CTI application to issue notifications of telephony network events or state changes relating to the device to the user of the client (Paragraphs 95 clearly indicates that the service may be implemented for a STI application and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS.).

As per Claim 19, Putnam discloses said data network is a packet switching network employing the transport communication protocol/internet protocol (TCP/IP) method of addressing packets from the client to the server and vice versa (Paragraph 41 clearly indicates that the network may be an IP network.).

As per Claim 20, Putnam discloses the data network is selected from a local area network, a wide area network, and the Internet (Paragraph 41 clearly indicates that the network may be wide area network.).

As per Claim 21, Putnam discloses a computer program product comprising a computer- readable storage medium encoded with machine readable instructions which, when executed on a computer which is connected to a data network, are effective to cause the computer to: a) receive from a server across the network a definition of application control commands which cause a network addressable server-side service to execute one or more predefined procedures to control said application (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).); b) provide on the computer an interface based on said definition which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the computer (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users) and include interface generation instructions.); c) receive a set of instructions over the data network, said set of instructions when received and executed by the client defining a network addressable client- side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the computer in response to predefined notification commands received by the computer over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) providing on the computer said network addressable client-side service which monitors for receipt of said notification generation commands and which generates said notifications on the computer in response thereto (Paragraphs

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37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the computer to control said application on the server (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the computer of events occurring in the application independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 22, Putnam discloses a client computer for providing remote control over an application across a data network, comprising a network connection for enabling the client computer to connect to said data network, and a storage area comprising a computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions which when executed are effective to cause the client to (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed in Paragraph 40, may remotely access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network):

a) receive from a server across the network a definition of application control commands which cause a network addressable server-side service to execute one or more predefined procedures to control said application (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end

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users.); b) provide on the computer an interface based on said definition which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the computer (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users) and include interface generation instructions.); c) receive a set of instructions over the data network, said set of instructions when received and executed by the client defining a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the computer in response to predefined notification commands received by the computer over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) providing on the computer said network addressable client-side service which monitors for receipt of said notification generation commands and which generates said notifications on the computer in response thereto (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the computer to control said application on the server (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the computer of events occurring in the application independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and

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434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 23, Putnam discloses a system comprising a client and a server connected across a data network, the client and the server each being provided with a storage area comprising a computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions to allow asynchronous interaction between the client and server (Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), and the server having control of an application (Paragraph 62 clearly indicates that client computers (e.g. endpoints, embodied as personal computers as disclosed in Paragraph 40, may remotely access and control applications contained in a communication application server (CAS) across a data network), wherein: (I) the computer-readable storage medium of the storage area of the server is encoded with instructions which when executed are effective to cause the server to: a) provide a network addressable server-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to control said application in response to predefined application control commands received by the server over the network (Paragraphs 62 and 392 clearly indicate that services are provided at the server which are defined by scripts which identify the predefined application control commands.); b) provide a definition of said application control commands, said definition being accessible over the data network by the client to enable the client to provide an interface which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control

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command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users.); c) provide a set of instructions for receipt by the client over the data network by the client which, when received and executed by the client, define a network addressable client-side service which executes one or more predefined procedures to generate notifications on the client in response to predefined notification commands received by the client over the network (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) provide on the server an interface between the application and the data network which is effective to issue one or more of said notification generation commands in response to notifications of events received from the application, said events occurring and said notification generation commands issuing independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); and (II) the computer-readable storage medium of the storage area of the client is encoded with instructions which when executed are effective to cause the client to: a) receive from the server across the network said definition of application control commands (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users.); b) provide on the client an interface based on said definition which formulates said predefined commands and addresses said commands to the server-side service in response to inputs to the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control

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command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users) and include interface generation instructions.); c) receive over the data network and execute said set of instructions which define a network addressable client-side service (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the definitions are received by the end users over the data network, and Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the definitions include instructions to define a service which generates notifications over the data network when notification commands/messages are received over the data network.); and d) provide on the client said network addressable client-side service which monitors for receipt of said notification generation commands and which generates said notifications on the computer in response thereto Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.); whereby the server-side service provides a network addressable control service to enable the client to control said application on the computer (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are controlled by the clients over the data network.), and the client-side service provides a network addressable notification service to enable the server to notify the client of events occurring in the application, said events occurring and said notification generation commands issuing independently of said application control commands received from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is able to be used by the CAS to create notifications on the client and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

As per Claim 24, Putnam discloses a method of providing an asynchronous interaction between a client and a server over a data network (Paragraphs 141, 185, 443,

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and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), comprising the steps of providing Web Services on the server to be consumed by the client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the server side services are consumed by the clients over the data network.) and providing Web Services on the client to be consumed by the server (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the client-side notification service is consumed by the CAS to create notifications on the client), said Web Services on the client being defined in a set of instructions received by said client over said data network and executed by said client to implement said Web Services on said client (Paragraphs 393-394 clearly indicate that the application control command definitions are accessible over the data network to the clients (e.g. end users).), whereby each of the client and server acts as both a Web Services provider and a Web Services consumer (Paragraph 89 clearly indicate that the services may be implemented as web services. As noted above, each the client and server may act as a consumer and provider.), such that when acting as a consumer each can notify the other of events asynchronously by invoking a Web Services command (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), and wherein said asynchronous interaction is provided without maintaining a dedicated communications channel (Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.), and wherein the server notifies the client of events occurring independently of any notification received by the server from the client (Paragraphs 37, 133, 203, and 434 clearly indicate that the notification commands/messages are issued by the CAS and Paragraphs 141, 185, 443, and 487 all clearly indicate that the application services may be performed asynchronously.).

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